

Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department

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Proposed Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2018/19

The Lamoine VFD is pleased to offer its proposed operational budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We're also proud that we believe that we can operate with fewer funds than the previous year for day to day expenses. As you may be aware, we will also be asking for the town to significantly fund the purchase of a used ladder truck. That will appear in the capital projects budget. There will also be an upcoming one-time request to equip that truck with firefighting gear.

Operating Budget

Chief's Salary – There is no change proposed from the previous and current fiscal year.

Personnel Reimbursements – As you know we pay our active members on a varying scale depending on their rank and departmental commitment. Payments range from \$50 to \$500 as determined by the chief officers. We've had the luxury of a few new members joining this year. The previous fiscal year saw \$9,900 in reimbursements authorized. We believe that \$9,500 will be adequate in the coming fiscal year.

Electricity – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year. We've averaged about \$1,600 in the past five years. The proposed increase by Emera should mean \$2,000 is adequate.

Water – The water bill from Cold Spring Water Company is expected to remain stable.

Telephone – The department has two phone bills – the land line at the fire station (about \$48/month) and a cell phone (roughly \$15/month). The proposed \$750 line is the same as the current year and should be just about right.

Heating Fuel – We have proposed a \$1,000 reduction in heating oil prices. We've been fortunate in the past few years to join in the group bid with Hancock and Sullivan for a favorable price, but oil is a volatile market.

Truck Maintenance – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Pump Maintenance - No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Rescue Boat Maintenance - No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Radio Maintenance - No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Equipment Maintenance – The proposed budget would reduce this line \$400 to \$1,000. This is based on the 5-year average.

Lights and Batteries – No change is proposed to this line.

Station Supplies – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Hand Tools – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

First Aid – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Inoculation Program – A \$100 reduction to \$1,100 is proposed based on the 5-year average. Fire Department members are offered Hepatitis A & B shots as well as the annual flu shot.

Respiratory Fit Testing – A \$600 reduction is proposed based on the 5-year average. This budget line includes a review of a medical questionnaire by qualified medical personnel prior to the firefighter being tested for an SCBA mask seal as required by state and federal law.

Station Maintenance – A \$2,000 reduction is proposed for this line. The \$3,000 is based on the 5-year average. The current year budget includes new access doors to replace older doors that have started to rust out.

Hydrants – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Gas & Diesel -- No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Extinguishers – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Foam - A \$300 reduction is proposed. The department will purchase some more in the current fiscal year. With luck we won't have to use much. Foam is generally used on working structural and vehicle fires.

Air Pack Maintenance – The department is required to test all of its airpacks annually and repair any that do not pass the test, or take them out of service. This is the bulk of the cost. No change is proposed from the current budget.

Fire Prevention – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Dues & Memberships - – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Training – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Other – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Pager – The proposal would purchase two pagers instead of the one budgeted in the current fiscal year.

Attack Hose/Nozzles – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Supply Hose – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Turnout Gear – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Radio Purchase – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Air pack Replacement – No change is proposed – the budget will replace two more airpaks.

Equipment Purchases – No major equipment purchases are proposed through the town budget, however, there will be a line in the capital budget for equipping the anticipated ladder truck.

Truck/Ladder/Hose Testing – While there is no change proposed to this line, when the department obtains the ladder truck, a ladder test will become annually required. The cost for the ladder test is roughly \$1,500.00

Total Fire – The total budget is proposed to decrease by approximately 5% to \$63,650.

Respectfully submitted,

George “Skip” Smith, Fire Chief